MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS
Special Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2011
Continued on Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Continued on Monday, May 16, 2011
Continued on Tuesday, May 17, 2011
3:44 p.m.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Attendance:

Board of Regents: Regent Juan T. Lizama, BOR Chairperson; Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, BOR Vice-Chairperson; Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter; Regent Frank M. Rabauliman; Regent Andrew L. Orsini; and Regent William S. Torres.

Honorary Members: Dr. John Griffin, Faculty Senate President and Clarice Arriola, Staff Senate President.

Excused Absent: Antonio Tiples, ASNMC President

College Staff and Faculty: Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Maria Aguon, Tinian Campus Administrator (via VTC Tinian Campus); Martin Mendiola, Rota Campus Administrator (via VTC Rota Campus); Frankie Eliptico, OIA Director; Joyce Taro, Academic Programs & Services; John Cook, CNMI Archives; Galvin Guerrero, OIE Director/Accreditation Liaison Officer; Dr. Joe Peters, School of Education Director; Eric Abragan, IT Director; and Helen B. Camacho, OIA (Recorder).

Others: Jesus C. Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Moneth Deposa, Saipan Tribune News Reporter.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 3:44p.m. in the BOR Conference Room at the Northern Marianas College, Saipan Campus.

a. Roll Call

BOR Chairperson Juan T. Lizama called roll. Six members of the Board of Regents were present.
Regent Torres indicated that he is delighted to be here and is looking forward to working with the Regents and the college community.

Interim President Cabrera also welcomed Dr. John Griffin as the newly elected Faculty Senate President. Larry Lee’s term had expired.

b. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Regent Peter moved to adopt the agenda.
Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Motion: Regent Peter moved to go into executive session at 3:46 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011.
Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

For the record, the executive session ended at 4:45pm on Monday, May 9, 2011. Upon reconvening the meeting, the board did not take any action on any matter discussed during the executive session.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Regent Peter moved to recess the meeting at 4:50p.m. on Monday, May 09, 2011.
Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 4:50pm on Monday, May 09, 2011. The meeting will resume on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 3:30pm.
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Others: Jesus C. Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Moneth Deposa, Saipan Tribune News Reporter.

The continuation of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 3:40 p.m. in the BOR Conference Room at the Northern Marianas College, Saipan Campus.

c. Roll Call

BOR Chairperson Juan T. Lizama called roll. Six members of the Board of Regents were present.

Motion: Regent Peter moved to go into executive session at 3:40 p.m. on May 10, 2011. Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

For the record, the executive session ended at 4:26 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Upon reconvening the meeting, the board made the following action.

Chairperson Lizama thanked the board members for all their patience and hard work in the continuing discussion of searching for a new president. He learned that the board continued to work during his absence on how best to address the issue with the offer that was made to Dr. Armstrong. He gave a brief description of the events that occurred after the offer was made and expressed his disappointment with the media for contacting Dr. Armstrong especially since it is a very critical time of the college. Furthermore, the
institution should be given some deference when it comes to its own affairs. Chairperson Lizama indicated this after Dr. Armstrong gave notice that he withdrew his application for President of NMC. He shared that the board discussed this matter in depth and asked them to explore the best options.

Chairperson Lizama noted that Dr. Christa Adams had written to the board for reconsideration of her application for NMC President. Dr. Adams had indicated that her circumstances had changed and asked for the board to reinstate her application.

**Reinstate the application of Dr. Christa Adams and to make an offer:**

**Motion:** Regent Peter moved to accept the request by Dr. Christa Adams to reconsider her application for the position of NMC President and to also make an offer by the College to Dr. Adams with regard to the office of Presidency pursuant to the vacancy announcement.

**Second:** Regent Orilla seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Dr. Griffin, Faculty Senate President, indicated that 31 applicants applied for the job and that seven dropped out. The two top choices have been fired from community colleges before (Dr. Adams and Dr. Hart) having a 98% vote of no confidence and yet ACCT sent them to the College as top candidates. What happened to the remaining twenty-four (24) candidates?

Chairperson Lizama explained that it is a very difficult question to respond but offered the explanation that the board is bound by the resolution. He also indicated that the faculty was well represented in the Presidential Search Committee.

Regent Torres indicated that if there are no other comments, then the board is ready to vote. Regent Rabauliman echoed the same sentiments and indicated that the change in Dr. Adam’s circumstances is probably a good thing for the college.

**Votes recorded to reinstate the application of Dr. Christa Adams and to make and offer:**

Yes – Regent Orilla
- Regent Rabauliman
- Regent Torres
- Regent Orsini
- Regent Peter
- Regent Chair Lizama

**Authorize Chairperson Lizama to make the offer to Dr. Adams and to engage in negotiations with the applicant:**
Motion: Regent Orilla moved to authorize Chairperson Lizama to offer and engage in the negotiations with Dr. Adams within the terms and conditions that was discussed in executive session.
Second: Regent Torres seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Votes recorded to authorize Chairperson Lizama to make the offer to Dr. Christa Adams and to engage in negotiations with the applicant:

Yes: Regent Orilla  
Regent Rabauliman  
Regent Orsini  
Regent Peter  
Regent Torres

II. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Regent Peter moved to recess at 4:55 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.
Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 4:55 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 and will continue on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.
Honorary Members: Dr. John Griffin, Faculty Senate President; Antonio Tiples, ASNMC President; and Clarice Arriola, Staff Senate President.

College Staff and Faculty: Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Timothy Baker, Student Services Director; Leo Pangelinan, Dean of Student Services; Farah Younis, OIA Marketing Manager; Bobbie Hunter, HRO; Joyce Taro, Academic Programs & Services; Cynthia Guerrero, Admissions and Records Office Director; and Helen Camacho, OIA (Recorder).

Others: Jesus C. Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Moneth Deposa, Saipan Tribune News Reporter.

The continuation of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 3:35 p.m. in the BOR Conference Room at the Northern Marianas College, Saipan Campus.

a. Roll Call

BOR Chairperson Juan T. Lizama called roll. Six members of the Board of Regents were present.

Motion: Regent Peter moved to go into executive session at 3:43 p.m on Monday, May 16, 2011.
Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the record, the executive session ended at 4:49 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011. Upon reconvening the meeting, the board did not take any action on any matter discussed during the executive session.

Motion: Regent Peter moved to recess the meeting for Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.
Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

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11:35 a.m

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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Honorary Members: John Cook, CNMI Archives for Dr. John Griffin, Faculty Senate President; Clarice Arriola, Staff Senate President.

College Staff and Faculty: Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Joyce Taro, Academic Programs & Services; Farah Younis, OIA Marketing Manager; and Helen B. Camacho, OIA (Recorder).

Others: Jesus C. Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Maria Paz C. Younis, Private Citizen.

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b. Roll Call

BOR Chairperson Juan T. Lizama called roll. Six members of the Board of Regents were present.

Chairperson Lizama explained that the board is trying its best to expedite the process of trying to finalize the selection of NMC President. The board is hopeful that Dr. Adams will accept the contract and at this time, negotiations are still ongoing.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Regent Peter moved to go into executive session 11:46 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011.
Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

For the record, the executive session ended at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011.
Upon reconvening the meeting, the board did not take any action regarding any matter discussed during the executive session.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Regent Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 p.m. on May 17, 2011.
Discussion: Regent Torres indicated that after much discussion and deliberation, the board is anxious in welcoming the new President. They are hopeful that at the next meeting, there will be a conclusion and closure.
Second: Regent Peter seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 1:56p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011.